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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 23, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that John A. Mussen was sentenced today in federal district court in San Diego by the Honorable Larry Alan Burns to serve 63 months in prison for bank robbery. Mussen had previously entered a guilty plea to bank robbery, in violation of 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a), on October 28, 2005.

In connection with his guilty plea, Mussen admitted that on August 13, 2005, he robbed the Washington Mutual Bank at 4440 Wightman Avenue in San Diego using both verbal threats and a demand note.

According to court documents, Mussen fled the bank with \$1000. Agents with the FBI and detectives with San Diego Police Department identified Mussen as the robber based on the bank's surveillance cameras, and notified other law enforcement agencies to look out for Mussen's car. In response to the FBI's information, the California Highway Patrol apprehended Mussen in his car on northbound Interstate 15 near Baker, California. The arresting officers recovered \$909 from Mussen's person at the time of arrest. Mussen was taken into custody less than seven hours after the robbery.

DEFENDANT

John A. Mussen

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (Bank Robbery)

Maximum Penalty: 20 years' imprisonment

\$250,000 fine

Three years of supervised release

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego Police Department

California Highway Patrol